

Public Notice
North Dakota Medicaid Program

The Department of Human Services is amending its Medicaid State Plan regarding the coverage of Rehabilitative services. There are no additional services covered through this change, rather this is a change requested by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to provide additional detail regarding services, providers and reimbursement methodology. The effective date of the State Plan change is January 1, 2009. There is no expected increase or decrease in annual aggregate expenditures.

The Medicaid State Plan is also being amended to rebase the limits for nursing facility rates. In addition, North Dakota Medicaid will be providing a five percent inflationary increase for all Nursing Facility Services. This increase is effective January 1, 2009. The estimated cost for the combination of these increases is \$10.6 million for 12-months, of which approximately \$3.9 million will be state general funds.

North Dakota Medicaid is also modifying its Tobacco Cessation program. Specifically, the medications that are allowed for coverage (nicotine patches, gum, and lozenges, and bupropion sustained release, and varenicline) will be covered with prior authorization contingent upon enrollment with the North Dakota Tobacco Quit Line through the North Dakota Department of Health. Tobacco Cessation medications are subject to limitations in dose and duration. There is no fiscal impact for this modification.

Fee schedules for services are on the Department of Human Services web site at:
<http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid/provider-fee-schedules.html>

Copies of the state plan amendments can be requested of the Medical Services Division, Room 309, North Dakota Department of Human Services, 600 E Boulevard Ave Dept 325, Bismarck, ND 58505-0250 or toll-free at 1-800-755-2604. Comments can be sent to and viewed at the same address. Questions may be directed to the North Dakota Medicaid Program at 1-800-755-2604 or can be sent through the local county social service offices.